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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Communication in PP Docket No. 00-67 (Compatibility Between
Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment)

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Monday, October 15, 2001, Lawrence R. Sidman and Sara W. Morris of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, on behalf of Thomson Multimedia, met with Rick Chessen, Associate Chief of the Mass Media Bureau and Chair of the FCC's DTV Task Force to discuss issues in the above-referenced proceeding. Specifically, the discussion focused on possible steps the Commission might take to hasten final adoption of "build-to" standards for cable-compatible DTV receivers, as well as to ensure that, once such a standard is completed, it is uniformly implemented by major cable MSOs. Additionally discussed was the need for final agreement on digital copy protection; the importance of such protections being adopted and used by all digital delivery devices, including computers, in order to thwart illegal retransmission of copyrighted digital content over the Internet; and the critical need to protect consumers' digital recording and time-shifting capabilities within the home network.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, an original and one copy of this letter is being filed with your office. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Lawrence R. Sidman

cc: Rick Chessen